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GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. 33 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. None.

Age of Majority. 18 years. 33 V.S.A. Chapter 55, Section 5502(a)(1). 33 V.S.A. Chapter 49,

<u>Court Jurisdiction</u>. Probate and Family Court: adoptions-15 V.S.A. Section 434; Family Court: delinquent, abandoned, abused children - 33 V.S.A. Chapter 55, Section 5502.

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Quarterly.

<u>Licensing</u>. Any person(s) rendering foster care must be licensed by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services unless approved by a Department within the Agency of Human Services or by an appropriately authorized child placing agency. 33 V.S.A. Chapter 35, Section 3501.

PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful if made by parent or guardian or relative, 15 V.S.A. Chapter 2, Section 102.

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Adoption Petition. Petition is filed in probate court of district in which the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services or a licensed child placing agency is located if child has been surrendered to either group and petitioner is out-of-state resident. 15A V.S.A. Minimum time between filing of petition for adoption and final decree - 6 months. 15A V.S.A. Petition can be filed any time during the 6-month placement period.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Divorce Custody Investigations. Vermont Law (V.S.A., Chapter 11, Section 557(b), stating that the court, upon consent of the parties, may request the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to investigate and report divorce custody investigations was repealed during the 1981 legislative session. Since July 1, 1981, the Vermont Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services has not been doing divorce custody investigations.

Residential Placements.

- -Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: All placements by agencies, courts or parents from outside the state into residential facilities (with the exceptions of schools or medical facilities) are subject to ICPC procedures.
- -Requirements for Placements: ICPC-100A, child summary, verification of IV-E status, and other appropriate information such as psychological reports, medical specialty reports, etc.
- -Monitoring of the Child: On-going monitoring is the responsibility of the sending agency unless Vermont agrees to provide such supervision under special circumstances.

PAYMENTS

Education Payments. Regular and special education payments are not provided by the State of Vermont for non-resident youth placed in Vermont with other than their parents or legal guardians. **Payment must be the responsibility of the sending state or the placement resource.**

Medicaid Payments. Medicaid payments are provided for Vermont children placed with foster parents and relatives (excluding natural parents) in other states until agency custody is terminated. IV-E eligible payments made according to COBRA.

Licensed Foster Care Payments. Vermont will pay either the receiving state's established standard care rate, anything above that is subject to negotiation. Vermont's rates must be paid for children placed in Vermont.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse Calls. Telephone: Child abuse calls from outside of Vermont are not toll free. Telephone: (802) 241-2131, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and to (802) 863-7533 at all other times.

Juvenile Compact Office. Telephone: (802) 241-2141.

Mental Health Compact Office. Telephone: (802) 241-2607.

ICAMA Vermont currently is not a member. For assistance with ICAMA issues, please contact ICPC DCA.